Surat	The development works are likely to be completed by December 2006.
Hyderabad	extension and resurfacing of runway, apron taxi track etc. to be completed by March 2006.
Vishakha-patnam	development works are likely to be completed by March 2006.

Besides, various development works relating to terminal building, apron, runway, taxi track etc. have been undertaken at Kullu in Himachal Pradesh, Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Ahmedabad and Porbandar in Gujarat, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh are likely to be completed by March 2006 and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir is likely to be completed by December 2006.

(c) Funds released during 2004-05 and allocated for 2005-06 respectively at major airports, airport-wise in crores of Rupees are as under:

Mumbai (50.84, 76.01), Kolkata (34.57, 34.89), Delhi (36.19, 67.04), Chennai (17.84, 45.05), Trivandrum (17.43, 12.53), Surat (2.82, 10.00), Hyderabad (10.42, 10.20) and Vishakhapatnam (54.01, 31.00).

Mechanism for Uninterrupted Air Services

593. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry propose to make effective Mechanism to ensure uninterrupted air services and timely landing/taking off of aircrafts at the airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken so far/proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has initiated action to provide additional parking stands, expansion/upgradation of terminal buildings, runways, taxiways at many airports. AAI gives incentives to airlines to operate and park their aircraft at other than notified international airports. These steps would help decongest the airports and ensure uninterrupted air services and timely landing/taking off of aircrafts.

(c) The details of the action taken so far/proposed to be taken *inter-alia* include: establishment of Clearance Delivery Position to enable pilots to expedite departures; introduction of Auto Release procedures to release the departures on standard routes upto a certain height for expeditious departures; deployment of additional manpower; creating separate helipads and corridors for helicopters; construction of new high speed exit and parallel taxiways to reduce the runway occupancy time and enable operations from both the runways; restructuring of airspace; filling up of vacant posts in ATC; upgradation of Air Traffic Control Automation System and installation of Advanced Surface Movement Guidance & Control System; introduction of Air Traffic Flow Management System to enable the departures from airports other than Delhi and Mumbai.

Profits Earned by IA

594. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines which was in the red earlier, now started making profits due to restructuring by Government; and

(b) if so, what is the total profit which Indian Airlines made during the year 2004-2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines is likely to earn an estimated net profit (after tax) of Rs. 17.50 crores in the year 2004-2005.

Air connectivity to Middle-East Countries

595. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large chunk of non-resident Indians are working in Arab and Middle East countries;

(b) whether flights to those countries are not adequate and also the fare is very high;